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Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, held at a truly crucial time in the process of strengthening and developing our Party and building our style of socialism, is about to conclude its work, having conducted full discussions of and reached decisions on all the agenda items, thanks to the high level of enthusiasm of all the delegates.

Throughout the Congress, all the delegates have participated with utmost sincerity in the discussions of the issues by displaying the highest degree of Party consciousness and the highest sense of responsibility; they have worked positively to put forward constructive suggestions and reached a consensus of opinions. In this way, they have given full play to the militant features of our Party that is committed to work, struggle and progress.

Many important Party-wide political meetings, including congresses, have been held before, and the participants have always been extremely enthusiastic about receiving the policies and ideas of the Party Central Committee. But never before have I seen such extraordinary enthusiasm as I have at this Eighth Party

Congress, where all the participants have shown such interest and been so immersed in the discussion of issues.

Every delegate participated enthusiastically in the strenuous work of the Congress, and conducted a positive and serious study of all the issues under discussion, racking their brains and feeling anxious about them out of an awareness that they are decisive to the success or failure of our revolutionary work and the destiny of themselves and their children.

Every delegate, conscious at all times of the expectations and the hopeful gaze of the millions of Party members and tens of millions of other people watching this Congress, and aware of the heavy responsibility they jointly bear for the progress and development of the revolutionary work, devoted themselves heart and soul to deciding on the most correct and powerful orientation of our struggle, and the strategy and tactics for conducting it. I am deeply impressed by this and feel greatly encouraged and very grateful.

The revolutionary line and immediate fighting plans set by the Eighth Party Congress will instil great hope for the future in all the Party's members and other people, inspire the masses to a new struggle and

fresh exploits, and bring about a decisive turn in further strengthening our Party organizationally and ideologically and improving its ability to lead the overall revolution and construction.

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Party Congress has powerfully demonstrated once again the might of unity and revolutionary passion that is unique to our Party and people, who are firmly united by a single ideology and purpose and are advancing without interruption and bounding forward towards a new fighting target, even in the face of manifold challenges and ordeals.

All Party members, service personnel and other people have striven hard at their workplaces and posts to defend the Eighth Party Congress and expressed their enthusiastic support and expectations for it by achieving unprecedented success in their work.

In the name of this Congress, I extend warm thanks to all Party members, service personnel and other people for the boundless devotion and revolutionary spirit they have displayed in maintaining a high alert to ensure the success of the Eighth Party Congress.

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the WPK was a congress of struggle and progress, which demonstrated our

steadfast revolutionary will to achieve without fail and with courage and self-confidence in victory, and by invariably holding aloft the banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the prosperity and development of our style of socialism.

This Congress conducted a close analysis of the subtle changes in the situation at home and abroad and of the subjective and objective environment impacting our revolution. It also carried out a detailed review of the last five years' work. Accordingly, in view of the new environment and changed revolutionary situation, it put forward proper, scientific strategic and tactical policies for readjusting and developing the foundations of the national economy and consolidating the state and social system. In this way, it clearly indicated the way ahead for the overall work of the Party and state.

I am convinced that this Congress marks a turning point in powerfully promoting our sacred cause, having generated fresh impetus for our advance and established a clear milestone on it.

The Eighth Congress is of great significance also in the strengthening and development of our Party.

Having gone through another significant stage in this, we are now filled with greater self-confidence

and pride in our struggle than ever before, and we deeply feel once again how important is the responsibility we are shouldering.

The decisions taken by a Congress are our Party's strategy and tactics for achieving fresh victory in building our style of socialism; they are a pledge the Workers' Party of Korea makes before the revolution and people and, at the same time, a supreme order issued by our great people to the Party Central Committee.

Our Party members and the delegates to this Congress should approach the decisions of the Party Congress from this noble standpoint and accept them seriously and with a sense of honour.

The future of the socialist cause hinges on how we fulfil the tasks set by this Party Congress, including the five-year plan for national economic development.

We should implement, thoroughly and unconditionally, the highly important tasks set by this Party Congress so as to bring about another upsurge in our revolution and ensure that our people's living conditions and environment are stabilized and improved as soon as possible.

We should arrange for the whole Party to study

how the decisions of the Party Congress should be implemented, so that the struggle tasks and duties fixed by it are fully accepted and a determined struggle is waged for developing socialist construction on a new level.

Therefore, Party organizations at all levels should arrange intensive study sessions to arm firmly with the documents and decisions of this Party Congress, and should organize effective discussions and conduct organizational and political work for implementing them. They should also devise detailed tactics and wage a powerful struggle for carrying out its decisions.

They should galvanize Party members into action first, so that they lead from the front in achieving further miraculous feats. They should also ensure that every unit and the whole country seethe with the efforts to implement the decisions of this Party Congress.

We need to organize Party-wide study of the revised Party Rules, and the Party's organizations and members should thoroughly establish a climate of observing the norms stipulated in the Party Rules in every process and on every occasion of their Party work and life.

Dear delegates,

We are still challenged by innumerable trials and difficulties, but our resolve is decisive and our future is promising.

As in the past, so in the future, too, our Party will remain infinitely faithful to the people-first principle and strive to the utmost to continue achieving fresh victories in socialist construction.

Thanks to the WPK, which is correctly leading the revolution and construction with great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism held aloft as its ever-victorious banner, and to the invincible might of the single-hearted unity of the Party and the masses, our revolution will make steady progress, overcoming every manner of difficulty.

Let us all advance dynamically, rallied rock-solid around the Party Central Committee, towards fresh victory in the revolution, with strong confidence in the triumph of the socialist cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche.

With full conviction that, thanks to the great fighting effectiveness, the power of unity, the extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and the indomitable perseverance of the organizations and members of the whole Party, the entire armed forces and all the other

people, the fighting strategy and policies put forward by this Congress will be carried out with success and epoch-making progress will be achieved in the building of our own style of socialism, I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, closed.

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